Request of Mahila Mandal, Nandla for sanction of fund under PMGSY

†3537. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government under PMGSY to Himachal Pradesh during the year 2002-2003 alongwith the names of schemes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the head of Mahila Mandal, Nandla had sent an application sanctioning the fund under PMGSY;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken so far on the demands made by Mahila Mandal, Nandla; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide financial grant on priority basis in order to fulfil the demands of the said "Mahila Mandal" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) An amount of Rs. 104.57 crores was sanctioned during 2002-2003 for Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(b) and (c) As per the guidelines of the PMGSY, the list of road works of a State is to be finalised each year by the District Panchayats through a consultative process involving lower level Panchayati Institutions and elected representatives. The guidelines do not envisage receipt of individual road proposals at the Central Government level.

(d) Does not arise in view of the guidelines.

Funds to Gujarat under Old Age Pension

3538. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is the only State in the country giving monthly Old Age Pension at the rate of Rs. 250 per pensioner;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are reducing the funds released to the State for this purpose year after year;

(c) if not, the details of funds released to the State for Old Age Pensions during the last four years, year-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take to enable the State to pay the pension at the same rates in future?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.